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## A. ORGANIZATION AND ATTENDANCE

1. The extraordinary meeting of the Governing Council of the Lagos-Mombasa Trans-African Highway Authority was held at ECA headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 19 December 1980.

2. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following member and associate member countries: the Central African Republic, Kenya, Nigeria, the Sudan, Uganda, the United Republic of Cameroon and Zaire (members) and Burundi and the Congo (associate members).

3. The meeting was also attended by representatives of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Organization of African Unity.

4. The meeting was opened by Mr. Simon Sakibede, Minister of Equipment and Transport of the Central African Republic, current Chairman of the Governing Council.

5. In his opening statement, Mr. Adebayo Adedeji, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, welcomed the Governing Council to ECA headquarters for what was expected to be the last get-together of the Council before the Autority officially came into being on 1 January 1981.

6. The Executive Secretary then briefly reviewed the events that had led to the establishment of the Trans-African Highway Authority from its inception in 1971. On the initiative of ECA, and pursuant to ECA Conference of Ministers resolution 226(X) adopted on 13 February 1971, the first meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee of the Trans-African Highway had been convened in Addis Ababa. Immediately thereafter ECA had mounted a prefeasibility study with the assistance of the Government of the United Kingdom, a study which had proved instrumental in establishing the final alignment of the Trans-African Highway. During subsequent stages of the Trans-African Highway project, a study of administrative and legal barriers to travel and trade on the Trans-African Highway had been carried out, the Governing Council of Ministers of the Trans-African Highway Authority designated by member States, the Constitution of the Authority approved and finally, in July 1980 at Bangui, the Lagos-Mombasa Trans-African Highway Authority had been established.

7. The Highway had been one of the most important projects of ECA and the extraordinary meeting constituted a prelude to a new action-oriented phase of the project under the direction of the Governing Council and administration of the Authority; nevertheless, he said, ECA would do everthing possible, within the limits of its resources, to assist the Authority and its Governing Council to achieve its objectives.

8. The Lagos-Mombasa Highway was the first major transcontinental highway ECA had initiated but there had been four more trans-African highways launched since, which were at different stages of progress. One of the yard-sticks by which the success of the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade would be judged was the ability to complete those projects well within the period of the Decade. Failure in that endeavour would retard the economic and social progress of Africa, postpone its physical integration and nullify the Final Act of Lagos solemnly entered into by the African Heads of State and Government at their first-ever economic summit by which they had made the establishment of an African Economic Community and Common Market by the year 2000 a policy objective.

9. The Executive Secretary stressed that while the establishment of an Authority should provide a focal point for that common endeavour, the burden of ensuring that there was a network of trans-African highways from east to west and north to south was squarely on the shoulders of African Governments. He called on member countries to accord the highest possible priority to those projects in their national development plans and capital programmes.

10. He concluded with an appeal to the members of the Governing Council and their respective Governments to be resolute in the execution of the trans-African highway projects and generous in the provision of the required resources. They should not delude themselves by thinking that those projects would be realized through dependence of external assistance alone; national and collective self-reliance must be the answer.

11. After welcoming the members of the Governing Council, Mr. Simon Sakibede, Minister of Equipment and Transport of the Central African Republic, and current Chairman of the Governing Council stressed the leading role of the Lagos-Mombasa Highway in strenghtening African unity.

12. He noted with appreciation that the establishment of the Lagos-Mombasa Highway Authority had reached an advanced stage as compared to the Cairo-Gaborone Highway. However, the construction of the Lagos-Mombasa Highway had been protracted and it was expected that the implementation of the project would be speeded up after the establishment of the Authority on 1 January 1981.

13. The third meeting would provide an apportunity for filling the remaining posts of the Authority since the Director-General and the Deputy Director-General had been appointed at Bangui in July 1980.

14. In conclusion, after stressing that the end of 1980 was an important milestone in the development of the Lagos-Mombasa Trans-African Highway, he extended his congratulations to ECA and expressed appreciation for the activities it had carried out up to now. He wished that ECA would, as in the past, continue to extend its assistance to the Lagos-Mombasa Highway.

15. The Governing Council re-elected by acclamation the Bureau of the second meeting:

Chairman : the Central African Republic

Vice-Chairman: Kenya

Rapporteur : Nigeria

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

16. The following agenda was adopted:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
4. Review of the report of the inaugural meeting of the Governing Council of the Mombasa-Lagos Trans-African Highway Authority, held in Bangui, the Central African Republic, on 26 July 1980
5. Appointment of:
   (a) Director of Technical Services
   (b) Financial Controller
   (c) Legal Adviser
   (d) Transport Economist/Planner
   (e) Construction/Maintenance Engineer
   (f) Administrative Assistant
   (g) External Auditor
6. Other matters
7. Date and place of the next meeting
8. Adoption of the report.

C. SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Review of the Report of the Inaugural Meeting of the Governing Council of the Lagos-Mombasa Trans-African Highway Authority, held in Bangui, the Central African Republic, on 26 July 1980

17. The Governing Council reviewed the report of its inaugural meeting held in Bangui, Central African Republic on 26 July 1980 and adopted its as presented.

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(a) Director of Technical Services
(b) Financial Controller
(c) Legal Adviser
(d) Transport Economist/Planner
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(g) External Auditor

(a) Director-General

Mr. Emmanuel MUNDI KENGNJISU (the United Republic of Cameroon) (seconded by the Government)

(b) Director of Technical Services

Mr. Augustin DALLOT-BEFIO (the Central African Republic)

(c) Financial Controller

Mr. Michel BANGUE-TANDET (the Central African Republic)

(d) Legal Adviser

Mr. Guy NINGATA (the Central African Republic)

Mr. Joel M. KISUBIKA (Uganda)

Mr. Fred RWABYOMERE (Uganda)

Mr. Samuen MAYANJA (Uganda)

Mr. Macdosman M. KABEGA (Uganda)

Mr. P.C.R. KABATSI (Uganda)
Mr. Kikungady MAYUMBEDIA (Zaire)

(e) Transport Economist/Planner

No applications had been received.

(f) Construction/Maintenance Engineer

Mr. Ernest MONKA (the Congo)

Mr. Mubanga Henry CHIPASHA (Zambia)

(g) Administrative assistant

Mr. Moussa BANGORA (the Central African Republic)

Appointment of senior officials

18. The Governing Council of the Lagos-Mombasa Trans-African Highway Authority appointed the following officials to senior posts:

(a) Mr. Michel BANGUE-TANDET (Central African Republic) as Financial Controller;

(b) Mr. Samuel MAYANJA (Uganda) as Legal Adviser;

(c) Mr. Ernest MONKA (the Congo) as Construction/Maintenance Engineer. The other applicant for the post, Mr. Chipasha, a citizen of Zambia, was declared ineligible as he was a citizen of a country that was neither a member nor an associate member of the Mombasa-Lagos Trans-African Highway Authority;

(d) Mr. Moussa BANGORA (the Central African Republic) as Administrative Assistant.

Appointment of the Director-General

19. The United Republic of Cameroon had seconded Mr. Emmanuel MUNDI KENGNJISU as Director-General of the Authority in lieu of Mr. Peter MUSONGE, whom the Council had previously appointed as Director-General at its inaugural meeting.

20. The Council examined in depth the qualifications, training and working experience of Mr. Mundi and found them to be satisfactory. Considering the urgency of the matter, the Governing Council unanimlously approved the appointment of Mr. Mundi of the United Republic of Cameroon as Director-General of the Lagos-Mombasa Trans-African Highway Authority for the regular term of four years with a proviso that under no circumstances should that set a precedent for the replacement of any other candidate or staff member of the Authority.

21. In his acceptance speech, Mr. Mundi thanked the Governing Council for the confidence placed in him, called upon member States to give him their maximum co-operation and support and pledged to do his utmost to live up to their expectations.

22. The officials who had been appointed to take up their duties as of 1 February 1981 were therefore as follows:

(a) Director-General: Mr. Emmanuel MUNDI KENGNJISU (the United Republic of Cameroon)

(b) Deputy Director-General: Mr. Mweze DUNIA (Zaire)

(c) Director of Technical Services: Vacant

(d) Financial Controller; Mr. Michel BANGUE-TANDET (the Central African Republic)

(e) Legal Adviser: Mr. Samuel MAYANSA (Uganda)

(f) Construction/Maintenance Engineer: Mr. Ernest MONKA (the Congo)

(g) Transport Economist/Planner: Vacant

(h) Administrative Assistant; Mr. Moussa BANGORA (the Central African Republic)

(i) External Auditor: Vacant.

Other Matters

(a) Headquarters agreement

23. The representative of the Central African Republic confirmed that his Government was prepared to honour all the obligations contained in the Headquarters Agreement, including housing for all international staff and transportation for Director-General and Deputy Director-General, and was prepared to sign the agreement no later than the end of January 1981, by which time the Autority would be operational. He expressed the hope that ECA would be represented at the inaugural ceremony so that it could inspect the premises of the Trans-African Highway Authority and other facilities.

(b) Conditions of employment

The Governing Council stipulated that:

(i) All senior officials appointed by the Council must confirm their acceptance in writing and must also be endorsed by their respective Governments;

(ii) All member and associate member States needed to endorse one candidate only for each vacant post;

(iii) The Director-General, in accordance with the terms of reference of his appointment, must henceforth exercise fully his delegated authority to recruit and fill all authorized vacant posts in the secretariat, general services and other categories, presenting them to the Governing Council only when appropriate.

Date and place of the next meeting

24. The Governing Council agreed to hold its next regular meeting at the Headquarters of the Authority in Bangui, the Central African Republic in October/November 1981.

Adoption of the report

25. The Council agreed to adopt the report of the meeting at its next regular meeting in 1981.